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Name of district board.		Persons appointed.
Guntur	...	Mr. V. Ch. John, M.A., L.T., M.L.C.
Tinnevelly	...	Mr. A. Mc. C. Tampoe, I.C.S.
		Mr. Daniel Thomas, M.L.C.
		Mrs. Hannah Sargon Ponnuswami.
Kistna ...	...	Mr. J. Immanuel.
		Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao.
		Mrs. A. Catherine Subbarayudu.
West Godavari.		Mrs. Subbaraya Sastri.
		Dr. Ch. S. John, M.B., B.S.

(*d*) The Government have no information on the point.

Grants for maintenance of second-class roads to South Kanara District Board.

*544 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have reduced the grant for the maintenance of second-class roads to the South Kanara District Board for 1927–28 ; if so, by how much and on what grounds ; and

(*b*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government by the District Board President that great inconvenience will arise from the reduction of the grant, and whether a request has been made for the restoration of the old grants and increase of it ; and what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(*a*) Yes, by Rs. 23,917. The reduction is due to a redistribution of the provincial grants admissible to the district board and the taluk boards in the district in the circumstances stated in G.O. No. 1212, L. & M., dated 1st April 1927, extracts from which are appended.[a]

(*b*) Yes. The Government have intimated to the President, District Board, their inability to increase the grant.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to the clause (*a*) of the answer to this question may I enquire on what grounds the redistribution is justified ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" If the hon. Member will refer to the extracts appended to the answer he will find that all the redistribution has gone to the poorer taluk boards."

The hon. the President :—" The time limit for questions and answers having expired the Council will now proceed to the next item on the agenda."

Constitution of Udipi into a municipality.

*545 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government and the hon. Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received representations from certain people of some village in Udipi taluk, South Kanara, praying that early orders may be passed handing over the administration of the Udipi town and suburbs to a municipality and that ample grants may be made to enable the

[a] Vide Appendix XI on page 146 infra.

taluk board, Udipi taluk, to open new roads and erect culverts over streams, establish rural dispensaries and to attend to other necessary amenities of life in the villages;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government;

(c) what compassionate or other grants have been made or are to be made to the Udipi Taluk Board by Government for 1927-28 for rural roads, bridges, dispensaries and sanitary improvement;

(d) if Government have received a representation as alluded to in clause (a), whether it has been urged in them that the receipts of the Taluk Board have been spent on the roads, lighting, sanitation and other amenities of town life of the town of Udipi and its suburbs, rather than on the needs of the villages outside that area in the Udipi taluk;

(e) what the amounts of receipts of the Taluk Board were and its expenditure on road, markets, lighting and sanitation in the Udipi town as constituted under the Towns Nuisances Act and its suburbs within a radius of a mile from its boundaries and outside that area respectively, during each of the years from 1901-02 to 1926-27;

(f) what is the number of markets, dispensaries and hospitals maintained by the Taluk Board of Udipi within and outside the town of Udipi and at what cost;

(g) what is the number of elementary and other schools maintained by the Udipi Taluk Board within and outside the town of Udipi;

(h) whether Government have found that the claims as to roads, dispensaries, sanitary improvements and markets of the villages in the Udipi taluk outside the town and suburbs of Udipi have been neglected on account of the roads, lighting and sanitation and hospitals without that town and suburbs;

(i) what is the population of the Udipi town and suburbs proposed to be included within the area to be constituted into a municipality and that of the rest of the taluk; and

(j) whether having regard to the necessities and amenities of that town and its suburbs as against those of the villages of the taluk outside that area, Government have decided to constitute that area into a municipality, and, if not, on what grounds?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The petitioners were informed that the Government did not propose to constitute Udipi a municipality at present.

(c) The Government have sanctioned a recurring compassionate grant of Rs. 2,550 to the Udipi Taluk Board with effect from 1927-28. They have reallotted to the South Kanara District Board in the current year the unspent balance of Rs. 56 out of the grant sanctioned to it in 1926-27 for the improvement of village communications. There is no information as to how much of this amount pertains to the Udipi Taluk Board. The question of sanctioning additional grants for village roads this year is under consideration.

(d) Yes.

(e) Information is not available.

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(*f*) The Taluk Board maintains four daily and eight weekly markets, the expenditure thereon in 1925-26 being Rs. 165 against an income of Rs. 3,117. There is no information as to how many of these markets are within the Udipi town. The Taluk Board maintains one hospital at Udipi which is treated as a Taluk Headquarter Institution the pay of the Civil Assistant Surgeon employed in it being met by the Government. It maintains three rural dispensaries at a cost of Rs. 360 a year on account of each dispensary. The total expenditure incurred by the Board on Medical relief during 1925-26 was Rs. 10,637. None of the rural dispensaries is within the Udipi town.

(*g*) The Taluk Board maintained 87 elementary schools during the year 1925-26. There is no information as to how many of them were within the Udipi town. Taluk Boards cannot maintain any but elementary schools.

(*h*) Not understood.

(*i*) The population of Udipi town is 11,882. The population of the rest of the taluk is 198,027. There is no proposal to make Udipi a municipality.

(*j*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 204.

Alleged irregularities in the administration of the Cannanore Municipality.

*546 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 18 answered on the 24th January 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether in his judgment in the defamation case brought by the Chairman of the Cannanore Municipality against Churia Gopalan and two others, the Subdivisional Magistrate of Cannanore, Mr. V. R. Anantarama Ayyar, has referred to various irregularities in the administration of the municipality, to the increase in the number of suits filed by or against the municipality and to the failure of the municipality in most of such suits;

(*b*) to place before the Council a statement showing—

(i) the number and nature of the civil suits and criminal complaints instituted by and against the Cannanore Municipal Council during the five years ending with 31st March 1926 and the five previous years,

(ii) the appeals and second appeals against the orders and decrees of the Courts passed thereon, and their results,

(iii) the cost thrown on the municipal council thereby; and

(*c*) to state whether Government have decided or propose to surcharge the Chairman and members of the Municipal Council of Cannanore responsible for any wilfully wasteful expenditure on litigation, and what other action they have taken or propose to take against them?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not seen the judgment.

(*b*) They see no reason to do so.

(*c*) The question of surcharge is one for the consideration of the Auditor during audit.